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22,507 DEER KILLED

During 20 Open Seasons in State of Vermont.

Lyndonville, Dec. 8.—A total of 1,475 bucks were killed during the hunting season of 1916, according to reports received by Commissioner Titcomb up to noon today. This number it is expected, will be somewhat increased by belated reports, but it is not expected to exceed 1,550. The number taken in each county is: Addison, 97; Bennington, 162; Caledonia, 66; Chittenden, 40; Essex, 165; Franklin, 24; Grand Isle, 0; La Motte, 103; Orange, 73; Orleans, 62; Rutland, 152; Washington, 158; Windham, 212; Windsor, 160. The greatest number reported taken in any one town was 38 in Eden, a town in La Motte county.

The total number unlawfully killed of which reports have been received, is an even 100. Of this number 74 were does and 26 fawns and bucks with horns less than three inches in length. Such of these are of value have been rescued by wardens, sold, and the proceeds turned into the state treasury.

The season closed with no fatality due to one hunter shooting another, which is in striking contrast to the record of certain other states, notably Michigan, where some 29 deaths were recorded. Two accidents resulting in death have occurred in Vermont. Indirectly they may be attributed to the hunting season, but either might have occurred had there been no such season. Reasoning further, however, it is probable that with no open season and protective laws, there would be no game to shoot. The first of these accidents resulted in the death of Basil, the 16-year-old son of William E. Piper of Middlebury. In attempting to step across a fallen tree, the boy discharged his gun; an ounce bullet pierced his lung. The second was that of Mrs. Fred Taylor, of Thetford. Mrs. Taylor accompanied her husband to the orchard near their house, where he shot a deer. Later she shot at another deer and as she passed the rifle back to her husband, it was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through her leg below the knee; she died that night. Raymond Williamson, of Fairfax, accidentally shot himself through one foot while hunting November 20. These comprise the serious accidents so far as known to the commissioner, who endeavors to keep a complete record.

The number of deer lawfully killed since the first open season in 1897 to the close of the season this year is 22,507. This figure, of course, does not include the normal number killed by dogs, accidents, violators, and other causes. Assuming that the 1,475 taken this year average 150 pounds each in weight, which is doubtless none too high, and placing the value of the venison at 10 cents a pound, which is low compared with other meats of equal or less value and in comparison with city prices (the writer was quoted 60 cents a pound in New York not long since), and the value reaches the handsome total of \$22,125. This figure does not include the value of the heads for purposes of mounting, the skins, nor does it take into consideration the health giving recreation enjoyed by some 40,000 hunters in tramping the hills, woods and fields, thereby coming into a keener appreciation of their own state.

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The scenery was some of the grandest in the new world, but the easterner could not enjoy it. The two slender rails in front held his gaze with a sort of horrible spell. He could not look away from them. He felt almost the same sense of insecurity and terror that a man would feel if he were suddenly whirled off into infinite space.

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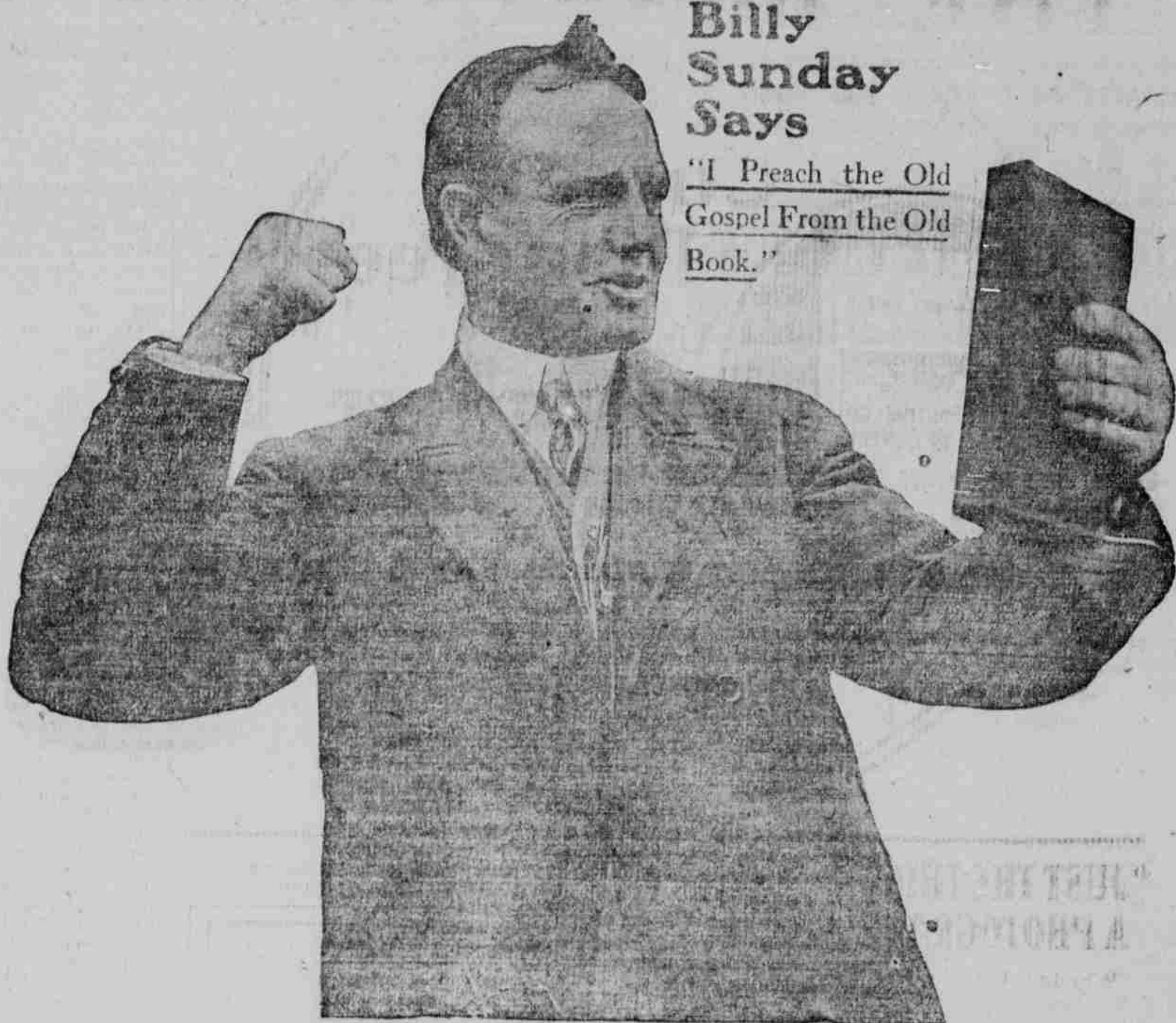
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